(d) it so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to increase their number in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Govt, of India have no such scheme. However, Gujarat Agro Industries Ltd., has informed that under the State Government Scheme, four Farmers Agro Service Centres one each in the district of Mehsana, Banas Kantha, Surendra Nagar and Rajkot have been established. The objectives of the scheme of Farmers Agro Service Centres are to provide the custom hiring for the costly agricultural machines, repairing of the machines and to provide advice to the farmers.

(c) and (d) Since Farmers Agro Service Centres have been established in the month of June, 1998, their performance has not been assessed.

(e) and (f) The Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., have intimated that it is planned to establish 25 Farmers Agro Service Centres. So far, only 4 such Centres have been established. Applications have been invited for establishment of remaining Farmers Agro Service Centres.

Recommendations of Central Team Regarding Gujarat Cyclone

1254. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Central Team which visited Gujarat after the cyclone hit the coastal areas of Gujarat;

(b) whether the Inter-Ministerial Group and National Calamities Relief Committee have considered the recommendations;

(c) if so, the detailed action taken by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) As per the scheme for constitution and administration of the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR), the National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) considers the request of the State Government and approves the quantum of assistance, if any, to the State Government from the NFCR. The Inter-Ministerial Group has already considered the report of the Central Team. The recommendations by the Central Team and the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) only assist the NCRC to consider in detail, the request of the State Government for a decision in this regard. The assistance, if any, to be provided to the Government of Gujarat from the NFCR will be decided by the NCRC in its meeting, for further necessary action.

सूखा रोकने के लिए दीर्घकालीन उपाय

1255. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क)क्या सरकार का कुछेक राज्यों मे प्रायः पड़ने वाले सूखे की स्थिति को रोकने के लिए दीर्घकालिक उपाय करने का विचार हैं;

(ख)क्या सरकार ने इस संदर्भ में सभी राज्यों के साथ विचार-विमर्श किया हैं;

(ग)क्या प्रधान मंत्री ने इन राज्यों में व्याप्त सूखे की गंभीर स्थिति का मुकाबला करने के लिए इन राज्यों को प्रदान किए जाने वाले आवश्यक राहत उपायों का जायजा लेने के लिए इन राज्यों का अब तक कोई दौरा किया हैं; और

(घ)यदि हां, सरकार द्वारा किए जाने वाले प्रस्तावित दीर्घकालिक उपायों और अभी तक इन राज्यों को प्रदान की गई कुल सहायता का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल) : (क) और (ख) सूचित किया गया हैं कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय 1973-74 से आन्ध्र प्रदेश, बिहार, गुजरात, हिमाचल प्रदेश, जम्मू व कश्मीर कर्नाटक,